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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP COMANECI, NADIA, RO

SUBJECT: COMANECI VISIT

REF: BUCHAREST 1361

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S PROMPT AND COMPLETE
REPORT ON STATUS OF COMANECI VISIT.

2. U.S. GYMNASTICS FEDERATION INTENDS ANNOUNCE TODAY
CANCELLATION OF POST-AMERICA CUP PORTION OF NADIA'S TOUR,
CITING MEDICAL REASONS. AS REGARDS AMERICA CUP, FEDERA-
TION WILL PLAN ON PARTICIPATION BY ROMANIAN TEAM AND
WILL LEAVE OPEN POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE (BUT NOT RPT NOT
PARTICIPATION BY NADIA. FEDERATION IS EXTREMELY DISAP-
POINTED AT LATE CANCELLATION OF NADIA'S VISIT (THEY HAD
WORD AS OF MID-FEBRUARY THAT NADIA WOULD BE COMING) AND
IS THEREFORE RELUCTANT TO SEEM TO BE APPEALING TO GOR FOR
NADIA TO ATTEND. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, "WELCOME" HER
PRESENCE, SINCE THIS WOULD ADD SOME LUSTER TO EVENT AND
PERHAPS REDUCE TICKET REFUND REQUESTS. IF NADIA
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DID COME, SHE WOULD RECEIVE AWARD AND \$10,000 CHECK.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH ROMANIAN
AUTHORITIES. WE UNDERSTAND GOR DECISION MUST WORK ITS

WAY THROUGH MANY BUREAUCRATIC LEVELS BUT WOULD APPRE-
CIATE SOME WORD, EVEN IF NOT FINAL, BY COB MARCH 3.

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